

**Assembly Joint Resolution**

**No. 46**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Block**  
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Assembly Joint Resolution No. 46—Relative to protecting San Diego jobs.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL’S DIGEST

AJR 46, as introduced, Block. Operation San Diego.

This measure would support the advocacy efforts of “Operation San Diego” to promote to Congress and the President the importance of military spending in the San Diego region and its impact on the economy and to advocate the importance of maintaining strong, continued military spending in the San Diego region.

Fiscal committee: no.

- 1 WHEREAS, The San Diego region has a long, rich history  
2 pronounced by a strong military presence; and  
3 WHEREAS, The military bases in the San Diego region  
4 representing distinct branches of the Armed Forces and the  
5 accompanying military personnel have contributed to the vibrancy  
6 and economic well-being of the region; and  
7 WHEREAS, The presence of the military is part of the economic  
8 foundation of the San Diego region and dates back to its origins;  
9 and  
10 WHEREAS, The military has served as a cornerstone of the  
11 economic engine for the San Diego region in terms of jobs,

1 industry, and innovation, and accounts for more than 25 percent  
2 of the region’s entire economy with more than 311,000 jobs tied  
3 to defense spending; and

4 WHEREAS, The federal Budget Control Act of 2011 directed  
5 automatic cuts totaling \$1.2 trillion and provided for a  
6 “sequestration” process to take place beginning January 2, 2013,  
7 unless Congress acts; and

8 WHEREAS, The sequestration process will take place over 10  
9 years and will amount to \$500 billion in cuts to the United States  
10 Department of Defense; and

11 WHEREAS, The San Diego Regional Economic Development  
12 Corporation estimates that 31,000 jobs in the San Diego region  
13 could be lost as a result of cuts to the United States Department  
14 of Defense budget unless a legislative alternative to sequestration  
15 is adopted; and

16 WHEREAS, These cuts and immediate job losses will have  
17 long-range effects, including decreased consumer spending due  
18 to new economic uncertainty, loss of research and development  
19 investment in innovative technologies in San Diego and the state,  
20 and added disruption to the United States economy at a critical  
21 point in our economic recovery at all levels; and

22 WHEREAS, These cuts and immediate job losses will severely  
23 impact the San Diego region’s struggling economy; and

24 WHEREAS, The San Diego Military Advisory Council’s 2012  
25 Economic Impact Study by the Fermanian Business and Economic  
26 Institute at Point Loma Nazarene University states that  
27 “Defense-related activities and spending will generate \$32 billion  
28 of gross regional product (GRP) for San Diego County in fiscal  
29 year 2012,” and “Each defense-related dollar entering San Diego  
30 generates additional jobs, income, and output as orders feed  
31 through the supply chain and workers employed throughout that  
32 chain spend some of their resulting incomes on the region’s goods  
33 and services”; and

34 WHEREAS, The San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce,  
35 the San Diego Regional Economic Development Corporation,  
36 CONNECT, the San Diego Military Advisory Council, and other  
37 local business and military groups have formed “Operation San  
38 Diego” to highlight the potential impacts of the United States  
39 Department of Defense spending cuts and to develop and sustain

1 a comprehensive regionwide strategy to protect and grow the San  
2 Diego region's military assets; and

3 WHEREAS, The Mayor of San Diego and the San Diego City  
4 Council have joined efforts with Operation San Diego opposing  
5 automatic cuts to defense spending and are urging Congress and  
6 the President to adopt an alternative plan; now, therefore, be it  
7 further

8 *Resolved by the Assembly and the Senate of the State of*  
9 *California, jointly,* That the Legislature fully supports the advocacy  
10 efforts of Operation San Diego to promote to Congress and the  
11 President the importance of military spending in the San Diego  
12 region and its impact on the economy and to advocate the  
13 importance of maintaining strong, continued military spending in  
14 the San Diego region; and be it further

15 *Resolved,* That the Legislature urges Congress and the President  
16 to adopt an alternative plan to sequestration that will preserve and  
17 grow the San Diego region's military assets; and be it further

18 *Resolved,* That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies  
19 of this resolution to the President and Vice President of the United  
20 States, to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to the  
21 Majority Leader of the Senate, to each Senator and Representative  
22 from California in the Congress of the United States, and to the  
23 author for appropriate distribution.